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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 2161**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Nobuhiko NISHIO et al.

Application No.: 09/037,916

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Examiner: Hyung S. Sough

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For: ELECTRONIC PURSE SYSTEM HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED
PURSE, IC CARD APPLICABLE TO THE ELECTRONIC PURSE
SYSTEM, IC CARD TRANSACTION APPARATUS HAVING A DOUBLE-
STRUCTURED PURSE, IC CARD TRANSACTION SYSTEM HAVING A
DOUBLE-STRUCTURED PURSE, AND IC CARD APPLICABLE TO THE
IC CARD SYSTEM

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 2, 2001

Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the final Office Action dated August 2, 2001, setting a three month shortened statutory time period for reply. A response is due by November 2, 2001.

Entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested since it is believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal, and does not raise any new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows.